AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace the paragraph on page 2 lines 20-22 with the following paragraph.

TiO₂ pigments with improved retention properties, having a cores coated with consecutive layers of aluminium oxide phosphate, aluminium oxide and magnesium oxide, are presented in EP 0 713 904 B1, US 5,665,3 <u>4</u> 66 and US 5,942,281.